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MEDICINE LAKE HEADQUARTERS PARKING AREA

MONTANA REFUGE ROAD PROJECT MELA 900(1)

While not in full swing, construction has started on the Refuge parking area reconstruction. With critical material still in shipment, RB Constructors Foreman made the best of it by starting up Thursday morning with the excavator rented from Minot's General Equipment and Supply. The start was more like a sputter, no sooner had they started by warming up the excavator then the operator noticed it was out of fuel. It seems that General delivered the excavator without fuel. After some scrambling they got it fueled up, and away they went removing asphalt. Sheridan Ready-Mix came in the afternoon with two trucks and hauled the asphalt to the dump. All the asphalt and old concrete is going to the County dump.

Also arriving this week from Williston was two Caterpillar compactors and from Minot a dozer. By next Monday hopefully construction will be in full production. Also next Monday a large shipment of geotextile fabric for use under the gravel arrives from Denver. So if you see a truckload of black fabric rolls on a truck & trailer driving around looking lost, point the driver towards the Refuge.

The population in Medicine Lake is again expanding as more RB Constructors crew moved in. The expectation is a 10-12-man crew working. RB expects to hire one or two local laborers to assist them in the work and will do the hiring locally. Already a few locals have put in their names in hopes of getting one those jobs.

RB finished up the day Friday by saw cutting the existing concrete such as sidewalks, curbs and entrance aprons. By cutting and removing a small section of the old concrete it provides an excellent surface and edge between old and new concrete.

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